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File: Requirement

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● ~~AL~~ - hold until Gordie
briefs me. ~~4~~

John: for info - subject "PI Keys" -

1. NPIC has received a rather sizable 'Support' job (PSG)
in printing up a PI Key - Apparently sizable enough to
cause PDB Reg some concern -

→ 2. Have asked [] get "details"/"facts" & use this
to discuss entire matter of PI Keys with you -

3. BACKGROUND

a. NPIC is involved with the Community in two ways

① Supposed to produce PI Keys in areas of 3rd Phase
Basic responsibilities under the NTP - ^{we've done} nothing here -

② Support in PSG for NTP participants as
requested - We've done this -

b. PER EHK [] was opposed to any NPIC effort
going into PI Keys - presumably because neither
NPIC nor IAS are interested in them, at least
in the DOD format -

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c. COMIBEX has not really "pushed" NPIC to start
producing PI Keys - although verbal comments have
been made by Members who feel we should for the
benefit of others (i.e. publish some of the "expertise"
now in the heads & desks of NPIC PIs) -

d. A long time ago NPIC was asked to furnish 2 specific
knowledgeable (in Keys) PIs to a DOD conference
on ~~design~~ PI Key design - IEG couldn't spare the
2 requested & sent a person who observed period -
The DOD conference concluded with a design deemed as
meeting Community desires (it is pretty much the old style
Hard Cover Key) -

e. IEG has developed a ~~form~~ ^{type} of a PI Key in the form of a card with image insets ready to slip on the Microstereoscope - Card has printed data on it describing the object in question - STAT
 Actually I like these & think it is a good idea -
 ACL briefed on the idea by IEG & asked [] to work with IEG on determining a "cheap way" to produce them (e.g. use the [] material or etc) - STAT
 IEG has informally told various PI shops about these & received a degree of interest -
 I refused to present these to COMIBEX as a suggestion for being the PI Key because:

- (1) Our miserable record in cooperating with the DOD PI Key design Committee -
- (2) Believed we should get cost figures resulting from ACL request to [] STAT
- (3) Believed we should use in-house for a bit to pin down ~~the~~ real usefulness (pro's & con's) -

f. IEG wanted to produce a PI Key in Electronics area - believe because of anticipated loss of individual having data in head & in desk -
 Got EHK OK & presented to EXSUBCOM who said no interest elsewhere in the Community, but go ahead if you want - Don't know where this stands now -

4. So in essence —

✓ (a) Does/should NPIC produce P/Keys as called for under the NTP? This will require a ☐ OK if my memory is correct —

STAT

✓ (b) Should NPIC continue support in P56 for P/Keys as we have been doing? And with this new one give up/slow down other P56 support efforts for a Key? If not, (even if just for this 1 job because of its size) NPIC should bounce it around so other arrangements can be made by the Producer — Also, if not, NPIC can expect criticism for not supporting as called for under the NTP —

✓ (c) When will NPIC have its "Card" P/Key idea well enough in hand to show the Community — Seriously doubt DOD would accept it as a replacement for its "Books", but would want as an addition —

✓ (d) At what point — if ever — should the subject be put in perspective for ☐ STAT Quite probably, like many things, COMIREX won't press us to actually produce Keys (other than P56 support), but it is possible —

(JMS)